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Introduction to POLARIS Web Services

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Summary

- Need for Web Services
- Introduction to Web Services
- Relevant Standards
- Tutorial
- How it all fits together
- Performance



Need for Web Services

- Agencies using other commercial systems need to upload demographics and PCR data
 - State exports to federal systems
 - Analysis of statewide using analytical tools
- Exports to external systems that support web services
 - Federal agencies (future)
 - Researchers



Introduction to Web Services

- A Web service is "a software system designed to support interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network."
- Examples of interaction
 - importing data
 - exporting data
 - performing a remote statistical calculation after requesting data from a different system



Web Services terminology

- Each web service has "operations" (functions) that "do something"
- POLARIS web service operations
 - exportPCR
 - importPCR
 - updatePCR
 - updateDEMO
 - exportDEMO
 - searchPCRs



Web Services Terminology - pg 2

- Client System making the request for a web service operation on a different system
- Server System managing the web service operations that clients call
- A single computer can be both a client and a server

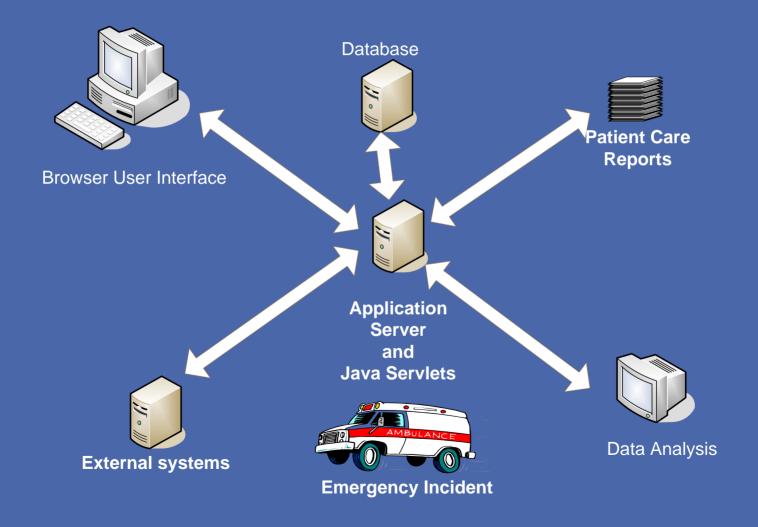


General Web Services Standards

- Relevant standards bodies
 - W3C, WS-I, OASIS
 - eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for data content
 - Typically Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) for communication standard
 - Web Services Definition Language (WSDL) to define the operations and the selected communication standard

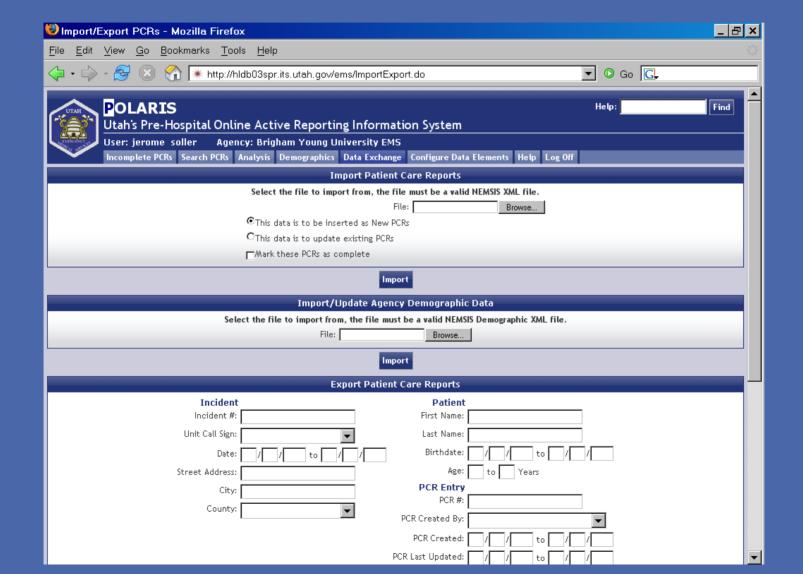


System View





POLARIS Data Exchange Page





Web Service Operation Response Time

- UpdateDEMO
 - 1.567 s per update of full agency record
- ExportDEMO
 - 0.129 s for an export of full agency record
- importPCR
 - 93.804 s for 500 imports of PCRs
- updatePCR
 - 13.651 s for 100 updates of PCRs
- exportPCR
 - 27.070 s for 1000 PCR exports



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